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less to say that the book has a briskness of style and a positiveness of statement that give it a certain fascination. The thoughtful reader will, however, require considerable evidence before he feels convinced that all the charges preferred against the present system are well founded, or the remedy proposed satisfactory.

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*Report of the Commission on Country Life.* New York: Sturgis and Walton Co., 1911. 16mo, 150 pp. \$0.75.

This report, which was first submitted to President Roosevelt, is now being published in book form in order that the findings and recommendations of the commission may be made more generally accessible. All who are interested in the work of the commission will be glad of this opportunity for studying the results of its investigations. While it could not, in the time allowed, make a thorough scientific study of any of the problems of farm life, it did furnish a starting-point for succeeding investigations by collecting and compiling all that had been done and by making suggestions as to general lines of work which must be undertaken for the welfare of rural society. It has also succeeded in arousing a great deal of thought and interest among the farmers themselves by its circulars, hearings, and schoolhouse meetings.

The report discloses, in the first place, the main special deficiencies in country life, among which are disregard for the inherent rights of land-workers, bad physical conditions, and problems of agricultural labor. Special recommendations are made with regard to each one of these questions, and general corrective forces which must be set at work to bring about the real regeneration of the country are discussed. The first of these is an agricultural or country-life survey, which would be "a very careful inventory of the entire country" setting forth all kinds of resources. Co-operation among farmers, and the country church are among the other hopeful influences, but the chief need, and the one which is most generally recognized, is that of a redirected education. From this source, which shall furnish new leaders who will be of the country and will know it, the commission expects to obtain those who can bring about the remedial influences which are suggested in this report.

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*Checking the Waste.* By MARY HUSTON GREGORY. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co., 1910. 8vo, pp. 318. \$1.25.

The writer has produced this study in conservation with a view to making the problem a matter of responsibility to every member of the state. The entire field has been covered from the wastes of forest, mineral, and agricultural products, to the wastes of health and possibilities of beauty. The volume contains little that is new, but simply presents in a summary form material gathered from previous writers on this subject. As a result of the very general treatment the book is rather elementary. The chapter on soil is not so thorough a discussion as the farmer finds in his agricultural paper, and the chapter on health is what one might expect to see in a textbook for eighth-grade pupils.